

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Change paragraph 0014, as follows:

**[0014]** Specifically, during while a master batch is prepared from thermal expansion microcapsules, heat history causes pre-expansion before molding so that an expansion coefficient during molding a product is lower than an expected value.

Change paragraph 0032, as follows:

**[0032]** In melt plastication metering for the material, rotation of the cylinder was set to a similar ~~to~~ or slightly lower value than a common value, and a back pressure was appropriately controlled to reduce expansion within the cylinder as much as possible.